

2006 TCTR DBE Conference TODAY'S CHALLENGE, TOMORROW'S REWARD

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Springfield • 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway • Springfield, IL

The 2006 DBE Conference – TCTR, provides a unique event for DBEs and small businesses to meet prime contractors while exploring new business opportunities. In addition, TCTR will offer information on a variety of topics and workshops designed to assist you to be more successful in business, building relationships with IDOT staff and other state agencies. The conference also provides an excellent opportunity for you to network with prime contractors or prime consultants, identifying work as a sub-contractor, and information in finding added work using technology to access state government.

Register your attendance at TCTR by completing this registration form for each person who will be in attendance.

NOTE: REGISTRATION IS FREE! Please complete and mail or email this registration form to [Rhonda Willard](#), FAA DBE Coordinator, Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, 1 Langhorne Bond Drive, Springfield, IL 62707-8415, willardrm@dot.il.gov. Registrations must be submitted by Thursday, April 13, 2006.

Hotel Accommodations

Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, (217) 529-7777

Holiday Inn Express, 3050 South Dirksen Parkway, (217) 529-7771

The Holiday Inn Express offers a special conference rate of \$70/\$85. You must register on or before Friday, April 7, 2006 to receive the special conference rate. For your convenience, the Holiday Inn Express has a walkway connecting it to the Crowne Plaza Springfield.

Hilton Garden Inn, 3100 S. Dirksen Parkway, (217) 529-7171

Comfort Suites, 2620 Dirksen Parkway, (217) 753-4000

Drury Inn & Suites, 3180 Dirksen Parkway, (217) 529-3900

Microtel Inn & Suites, 2636 Sunrise Drive, (217) 753-2636

Pear Tree Inn, 3190 S. Dirksen Parkway, (217) 529-9100



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Registration Form

Name _____

Firm _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Email Address _____

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Draft Agenda

8:00A Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30A Opening Remarks

8:45A General Session

Contractors Panel: Contractor Challenges and Barriers to Success.

10:00A Break

10:15A Morning Workshops

- Engineering and Design: Consultant prequalification process and how to submit statement of interests.
- Small Business Initiatives (Set-Asides): What is a Small Business Set Aside? Who is considered a small business? What are the procedures for bidding on a Small Business Set-Aside?

11:00A Mid-Morning Workshop

- Bonding and Loan Financing: Get behind the scene perspectives on how the industry evaluates the application, conducts the background/business check and the selection process for determining who gets a bond. This workshop will provide other pertinent information on available financial resources.

11:45A Complimentary DBE Awards Luncheon

1:45P Afternoon Workshops

- Upcoming Lettings: Key district projects by Regional Engineers. Get ready to bid!
- Smoke and Mirrors: How contract fraud can impact you and your business presented by USDOT Office of Inspector General.

3:00P Mid-Afternoon Workshop

- Ask the Expert: Interactive workshop brings IDOT and other representatives from all procurement areas to answer your questions on how to successfully do business in the transportation area.

4:00P – 6:00P Closing Networking Reception

NOTE: Available throughout the conference

9:00A – 4:00P Exhibits and Contractors Marketing area

10:15A – 4:00P Using Technology to Access IDOT

